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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Howie Stoertz Projections Memo

1. Hank and I have reviewed your proposed memo to Howie on projections and--like you--agree that it is not now an unreasonable proposition. It is a pretty loose contract. There are a few places where we would prefer slight modifications. I will explain why, and see if you agree:

-Page 3, B.2. First sentence: It is understood that force projections reflect estimates and judgments about future trends in technology and in the international and domestic environment that shape foreign military forces. (Reason--clarity)

--Page 4, 3.c. Last sentence: When appropriate to consumer needs, however, the projections in national issuances will include a "most likely" case. (Reason--clarity and because the phrase "and/or other cases" would probably lead DIA to want DIPP-HI and LO projections in NIEs.

--Page 5, d. First sentence: Projections appearing in national issuances will be prepared by the drafting Agency for that issuance, but with maximum . . ." (Reason--seems logical)

--Page 5, e: This is confusing because you can't cross-reference things that occur at different times. I suggest: "Where a projection appears in the DIPP that is identical to one in the most recent national issuance, it will be so identified." If the intent is really to make this both ways the phrase "and vice-versa" should be inserted after the comma.

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--Page 6, 5.f.: ensuring that work on other projections done by his agency is readily available to the keyman in the other. (Reason: again, seems logical)

2. There is one other point which you may feel is only semantic quibbling, but our Division Chiefs would have less heartburn if the word "coordinate" and "coordination" were changed. For example:

--In paragraph 2 of the cover memo Howie proposes that "--CIA coordinate on selected aspects of the DIPP. They would like: "--CIA review and comment on selected . . ."

--On page 5.d, Howie states that a "coordination statement will be included in the DIPP." They would like to say, "and a statement will be included in the DIPP to the effect that selected forces have been reviewed by CIA and found to be consistent with the most reasonable expectation for the future, as reflected in national issuances."

--Page 6, 5.e, change "coordination on" to "review of,".



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